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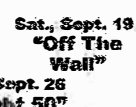
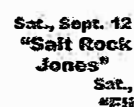
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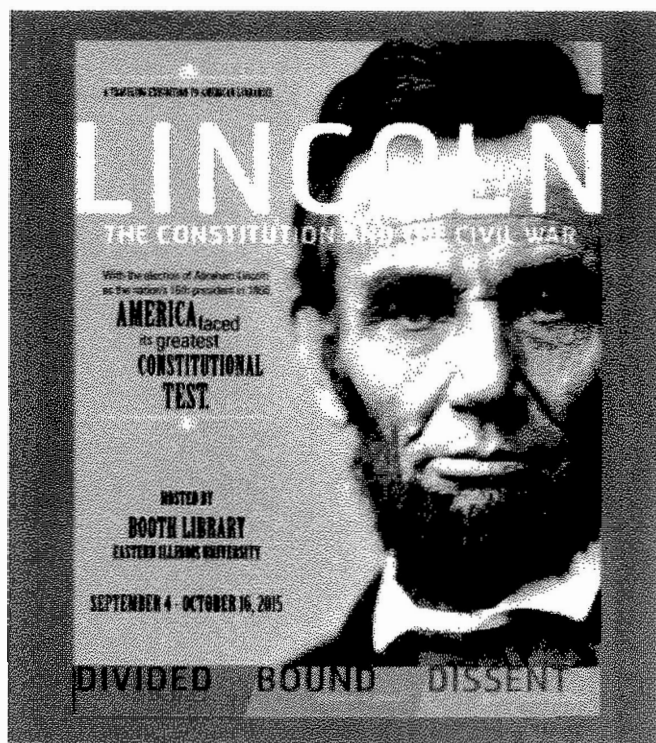
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Booth Library on the Eastern Illinois University campus will host a national traveling exhibit titled "*Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*" from Sept. 4 to Oct. 16.

"*Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*" offers a fresh perspective on Abraham Lincoln's presidency. Organized thematically, the exhibition explores how Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the Civil War -- the secession of Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties.

The exhibition presents a more complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation's gravest constitutional crisis.

In addition to the national exhibit, related exhibits will be on display on a variety of subjects, including Lincoln's connection to Coles County. During the six-week period of the exhibit, the library will host several programs related to the Lincolns and the Civil War era.

"Abraham Lincoln has always been a figure of much study and fascination, especially here in East Central Illinois," said Allen Lanham, dean of library services. "This series will take a look at an especially stressful time of his life, as he struggled to make decisions that would preserve the Union during the Civil War."

Lanham invites community members and groups to view the exhibit any time the library is open. In addition, a teacher's guide with activities geared for junior high and high school students is available. Area teachers are encouraged to use these materials in their classes, and the library welcomes classes to visit the library and tour the exhibit.

More details are available at <http://library.eiu.edu/exhibits/lincoln/>.

Following is the complete schedule of events. All programs will be held at Booth Library unless otherwise noted. The exhibit and all programs are free and open to the public.

- Sept. 10, 7 p.m., West Reading Room, opening reception and program, "Liberty, Security, History: Lessons from Lincoln in the Civil War," Lynne Curry, professor of history;
- Sept. 14, 4:30 p.m., Witters Conference Room 4440, "Mary Lincoln in History and Memory," Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz, assistant professor of history, and Cayla Wagner, honors student in history.
- Sept. 17, 4 p.m., Witters Conference Room 4440, "Dred Scott and the Road to the 14th Amendment," Grant Sterling, associate professor of philosophy.
- Sept. 23, 3:30 p.m., Witters Conference Room 4440, "Congressman Abraham Lincoln and Senator Barack Obama: The Evolution in War Powers from Congress to the White House," Ryan Hendrickson, professor of political science and interim dean of the Graduate School.
- Sept. 29, 4 p.m., Witters Conference Room 4440, "Constitutional Issues of Access to Education: Land-Grant Universities and Teacher Colleges after Lincoln," Debra Reid, professor of history.
- Oct. 1, 7 p.m., West Reading Room, "The Anti-Slavery Movement in Black and White," Jeanne Schultz Angel, Illinois Humanities Council Road Scholar; and "Meet Harriet Tubman," Kathryn Harris, retired director of library services, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.
- Oct. 6, 4:30 p.m., Coleman Hall Auditorium, Room 1255, panel discussion: "Abraham Lincoln, Race, and Slavery," moderator: Lynne Curry, professor of history; panelists: Terry Barnhart, professor of history; Charles Foy, associate professor of history; Mark Hubbard, professor of history; Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz, assistant professor of history; and Malgorzata Rymasz-Pawlowska, assistant professor of history.
- Oct. 8, 7 p.m., West Reading Room, "A Visit With the Lincolns," B.F. and Dorothy McClerren, Lincoln presenters.
- Oct. 9, 3-4 p.m., Marvin Foyer, "Meet the Lincolns," meet and have your photo taken with President Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, B.F. and Dorothy McClerren, Lincoln presenters (an EIU Family Weekend activity).

For more information about "*Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*," including complete program and exhibit descriptions, visit the program web page at <http://library.eiu.edu/exhibits/lincoln/>.